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POLICIES CONCERNING AIR CONDITIONERS AND APPLIANCES

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1. The Chief of Station, [REDACTED] referred to new or proposed policies affecting the provision of appliances, in particular air conditioners, which imposed certain restrictive criteria. We have raised this question with the Office of Logistics and have been informed that the only change being considered is one which is intended to liberalize the procurement of air conditioners. In the words of Logistics:

We (an informal committee) are trying to modernize the present authorizations for the field procurement of air conditioning equipment because air conditioning is no longer the luxury item it was prior to 1956, and therefore more discretion should be given to the field. Also, this will reduce traffic with Headquarters because much of the traffic is concerned with requests for small air conditioning units.

We have reviewed the proposed regulation on which Logistics is now working, and are of the opinion that its proposals are reasonable and workable and will provide field installations with much needed delegations.

2. We are aware of no policies or regulations being contemplated which would restrict or limit the existing authorities for the provision of stoves, refrigerators, and other basic appliances in overseas quarters.

3. In accordance with existing Agency policy, the IE Division has been encouraging the release of Government-owned appliances and furniture upon the transfer of an employee to whom such items have been originally issued. We understand there have been several exchanges of correspondence between [REDACTED] and the Division on this subject in recent months with the basic problem resulting from the Station's belief that the transfer of furniture and appliances between employees raises security and cover problems.

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